September 13, 2004

Mr. W. E. Cummins, Director AP600 & AP1000 Projects Westinghouse Electric Company P.O. Box 355 Pittsburgh, PA 15230-0355

SUBJECT: FINAL SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT FOR AP1000 DESIGN

Dear Mr. Cummins:

The enclosed Final Safety Evaluation Report (FSER) summarizes the staff's safety review of the AP1000 design against the requirements of Subpart B of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 52 and delineates the scope of the technical details considered in our evaluation of the AP1000 design. In addition, this FSER documents the resolution of the open and confirmatory items identified in the Draft Safety Evaluation Report (DSER), which was issued on June 16, 2003. In Chapter 24 of the report, the staff states that, on the basis of its evaluation and independent analyses, the staff concludes that Westinghouse Electric Company's application for design certification meets the requirements of 10 CFR 52.47 that are applicable and technically relevant to the AP1000 standard plant design.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, you can contact the lead project manager, John Segala at (301) 415-1858.

Sincerely,

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